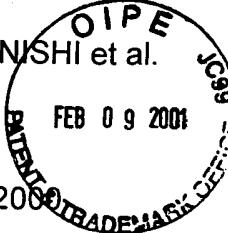


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Application No.: 09/667,775 Group: Not Assigned

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION DEVICE, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC DEVICE, CONTROL DEVICE CONNECTOR, COMMUNICATION DEVICE, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION METHOD AND DATA TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION METHOD

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 9, 2001

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
09/466,174	December 17, 1999	2825
09/670,820	September 28, 2000	2881

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending

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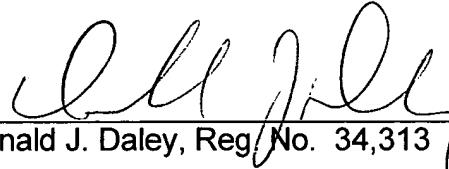
application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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